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whether the state has lost any federal funds. I think when Mr. Tom Doyle took over as our director of state roads, we were offered several million dollars. I think it was \$40 or \$50 million or something like that and we didn't have any plans on the shelf. Any planning and design on the shelf. And this is the result that when we made the \$20 million bond issue which is notorious how it was marketed, no competition. We could have sold those bonds for instead of 7% or 6.9% interest, we probably could have sold them for \$4.5 or 5 but that's something else. And while we're talking about this, I would hope that this Body next year passes a bill that every bond issue be advertised so everyone can have a chance at it. And if you do that, you're going to save millions of dollars for the State of Nebraska and for our sub-divisions. So, I know that in some of our counties up in my district that we have lost federal funds because we didn't have the money to match them in past years. Now since Mr. Doyle's been in office, I think he has expedited the planning and design and I think he has, surely has the planning and design ready to go. We didn't have them ready at the time he took office. The shelves were practically empty. We lost some funds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Supposing we adopt Senator Carpenter's amendment. Where are we when the federal government makes another determination that Nebraskans receive 35¢. I am not too certain what we are receiving now for each dollar we send to Washington but I think it's probably in the 70¢ category. Probably slightly under 70¢. This is determined by policy in the transportation department of the federal trust fund by those people who determine by miles of roads, by population or other factors which may enter into the disperement of these monies. And this has been changed several times in the past several years. Now if it's changed again to the...to the problems...to add to the problems of Nebraska, or all federal funds are taken away in the near future, then where are we going to live from roads. These are the problems that we envision that I envision especially in the amendment before us at the moment. Because if the federal government says there are no dollars, there are no dollars and what are we going to do for roads in the State of Nebraska. This is not willingly done by the Highway Department. It is being done by the Highway Department because of the lack of the federal roads and the demand and the need of Nebraskans for a sound road system. So I can see great damage coming through the state in our road building program if we deplete this fund of another \$20 million. We are concerned, we would like to have more federal. But being there are none existent, that doesn't wish away our needs for the roads. And so I think it's extremely important amendment and needs discussion. Senator Carpenter indicated this. Maybe you want to support it and maybe you do not. He said it had far reaching effects and it certainly does. So I would urge you to leave all the money in the state highway trust fund as we now have it and continue to do so. And if we need to build roads without any federal help from Uncle Sam, who is Uncle Sam? It's our own 4 1/2¢ that are going to Washington. We do need to build all the roads that we can and with the cost...the inflationary costs, the road